

CROWN Memorandum



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TO: ESRD Executive Directors, ESRD Data Managers, Regional Project Officers
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SUBJECT: Processing "K" Records - ACTION

After long discussion at CMS, we have come to the conclusion that the creation of "K" records when CMS processes SIMS events is no longer needed.

The purpose of the "K" record was to alert the network that the SIMS setting for a patient differs from the CMS setting. Many of these 'differences' were due to lags in posting, not actual data problems. Also, this function is now handled by electronic notifications, which describe changes in setting.

Therefore, effective immediately:

1. Network staff may stop all work on "K" records.
2. CMS will cease creating "K" records for network review.
3. Networks are NO LONGER expected to enter transplants into REBUS. The SIMS transplant event will suffice.

Thank you for your cooperation in processing this data in the past, and for your feedback to CMS. It was this feedback that is primarily responsible for the change in policy.